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90,000 JFK papers out today

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A treasure trove of 90,000 JFK assassination documents becomes public today, providing new fodder for speculators and exploring possible ties between the CIA and accused killer Lee Harvey Oswald.

"We expect people to start lining up before dawn — researchers, journalists, Kennedy buffs," says Stephanie Allin of the National Archives.

Also today: *U.S. News & World Report* excerpts *Case Closed*, a new book by investigative reporter Gerald Posner.

He says, among other things, Oswald acted alone, firing three shots in more than eight seconds — not four or five seconds as many theorize.

Posner calculated the eight seconds by a re-examination of film of the assassination and witness accounts.

The documents released today come from the files of the CIA, congressional committees, presidential libraries and the Warren Commission — which probed the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Congress passed a law last year forcing government agencies to review and release most of their Kennedy files.

Nearly 40,000 more documents will be reviewed by a panel to be named by President Clinton.

It will determine if they should be withheld.

The document release and the book signal a new wave of attention to the assassination — more books and documentaries are planned — in advance of Nov. 22, the 30th anniversary of JFK's death.